

**ASSIGNMENT**

*WHEREAS, We, MICHAEL ROHAN, VIVIEN W. CHAN and DONG YAN, hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNORS**, have co-invented certain improvements as described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:*

Title of Invention: HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN PRIMATE HOMOLOGUES  
OF NKD PROTEIN, NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES ENCODING,  
AND USES THEREOF

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*WHEREAS, CHIRON CORPORATION, located at 4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, California 94608-2916, hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEE**, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the said invention and application and in any Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:* Be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) lawful money paid to **ASSIGNORS** by **ASSIGNEE**, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, **ASSIGNORS** have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said **ASSIGNEE**, and **ASSIGNEE'S** successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the said invention, said application for United States Letters Patent, and any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world including any divisions, renewals, continuations in whole or in part, substitutions, conversions (**including conversions claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)**), reissues, prolongations or extensions thereof, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said **ASSIGNEE** as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said **ASSIGNORS** had this assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent.

**ASSIGNORS** also agree that the U.S. serial number and the filing date may be entered above by **ASSIGNEE** or its agents upon designation of the serial number and the filing date by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

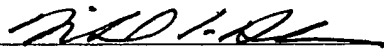
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**ASSIGNORS** further agree that they will, without charge to said **ASSIGNEE**, but at **ASSIGNEE'S** expense, cooperate with **ASSIGNEE** in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as **ASSIGNEE** lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in said **ASSIGNEE**, or **ASSIGNEE'S** successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, **ASSIGNORS** have hereunto signed their names to this assignment on the dates indicated below.

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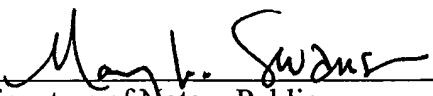
  
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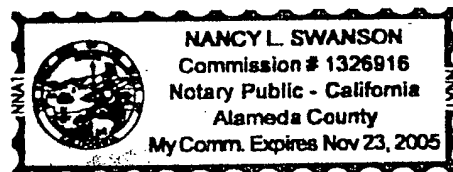
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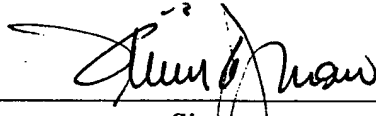
  
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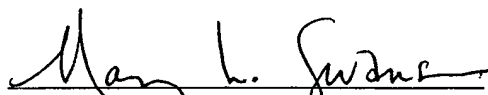
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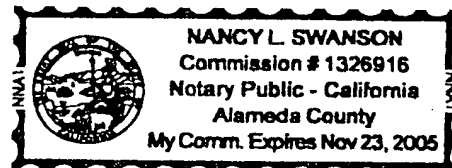
  
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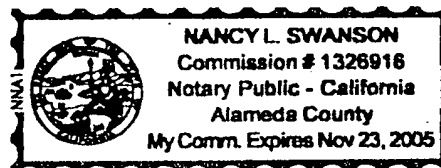
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